



## Come join Mayor Franklin in celebrating a Festival of Lights!

Each employee or visitor to City Hall or City Hall East who chooses to make a commitment to replace 5 light standard light bulbs with  
5 Energy Star qualified Compact Fluorescent light bulbs will receive  
1 FREE Compact Fluorescent light bulb from Georgia Power.

When: December 18, 2006

Where: City Hall Atrium: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: City Hall East: 11 - 2 p.m.

In celebration of the holidays and a time that we associate with lights:

✦ The light shining in the East from a bright star that lead three wise men to the newborn Christ Child several thousand years ago which lead to the birth of Christianity. Today one way Christians share this light is with the lighting of Christmas trees (<http://www.farsinet.com/wisemen/magi.html>);

✦ The lighting of the menorah in the Jewish tradition during Hanukkah called the Festival of Lights (<http://www.holidays.net/chanukah>). The Festival of Lights is a celebration of the victory and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple many years ago and also commemorates the miracle of the oil lamp that only had enough oil to burn for 1 day yet continued to shine for 8 days; and

The lighting of 7 candles held in a Kinara, the candle holder, representing the seven guiding principles of Kwanzaa (<http://www.tike.com/celeb-kw.htm>) a unique African American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement.

Joining Mayor Franklin will be representatives from Georgia Power and Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority. Georgia Power has generously donated 2,000 Compact Fluorescent light, or CFLs, bulbs to City of Atlanta employees. Each employee or visitor to City Hall or City Hall East who chooses to make a commitment to replace 5 light standard light bulbs with 5 Energy Star qualified Compact Fluorescent light bulbs will receive 1 complimentary Compact Fluorescent light bulbs from Georgia Power.

### Did you know?

✦ For every 5 standard light bulbs replaced with CFL's you will save 60% - 75% energy and approximately \$60.00 annually

Your CFL will last 6 to 15 times longer than incandescent light bulbs (great for hard to reach places)

**And, if all the households in the United States took the Change a Light Pledge at [www.energystar.gov/changealight](http://www.energystar.gov/changealight),**

and changed just one incandescent light bulb to an ENERGY STAR qualified light bulb, The United States could save up to 5.6 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity per year. **This is enough energy to light all the households in Washington, D.C. for 3,960 days (10.8 years)!**

We would also reduce the amount of carbon dioxide gas going into the air by 8.9 billion pounds, which is an amount that could fill up more than 297 billion basketballs! Placed side-by-side, this string of basketballs would be approximately 42 million miles long—that's over 88 round trips from the Earth to the Moon!

**Stated another way, the amount of carbon dioxide emissions reduced would be like removing 780 thousand cars from United States' parking lots and roads. End-to-end, this string of cars would stretch from Atlanta, Georgia to Los Angeles, California! Georgia could save up to 165 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year. This is enough energy to light all the households in Atlanta, Georgia, for 170 days!**